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SUBJECT: ZAYYAT'S STATEMENT AT UNSC DEBATE, JUNE 6:
PRESS REACTION

REF: USUN 2131

1. ONLY COVERAGE OF ZAYYAT'S REMARKS OF JUNE 6 IN UNSC
ON EGYPTIAN " ACCEPTANCE" OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL
WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS APPEARED IN FOLLOWING FORMULA
IN AHARAM'S JUNE 8 EDITION:

" DR ZAYYAT SAID THAT EGYPT HAD PLACED
ITS PROBLEM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
AND THAT IT HAD ACCEPTED ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR
CONDITIONS; BUT IT WAS ISRAEL WHICH HAD PLACED PRIOR
CONDITIONS BY ITS SEIZURE OF THE ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE
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CONTINUANCE OF ITS OCCUPATION. ZAYYAT ADDED THAT ISRAEL'S PRETEXT IN SAYING THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS HAS BEEN PROVEN FALSE. DR. ZAYYAT REPEATED HIS QUESTION ON THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON- ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE?"

2. IN COUNTERPOINT TO ABOVE IS FOLLOWING ITEM CARRIED ON PAGE ONE OF JUNE 8 GUMHURIYYA:

" AN INFORMED SOURCE YESTERDAY SAID THAT THE STATEMENT MADE BY JOSEF TEKOAH, THE ISRAELI DELEGATE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INVOLVES A CONTRADICTION. WHILE ISRAEL IS CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRESET CONDITIONS WITH THE ARABS, IT SETS PRE- CONDITIONS REGARDING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES WHICH IT OCCUPIED IN 1967.

THE INFORMED SOURCE SAID THAT THE SPEECH MADE BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON WEDNESDAY MAKES THIS POINT CLEAR. OUR STANCE IS A FIRM ONE BASED ON FACTS THAT ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO FALSE INTERPRETATIONS OR DENIAL BY ISRAEL, HE ADDED.

THE INFORMED SOURCE SAID THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED UNDER FORCIBLE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES WOULD LEAD TO A VOID AGREEMENT VIOLATING ARTICLE NO. 52 OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE LAW OF TREATIES SIGNED IN VIENNA IN 1969, BECAUSE IT IMPLIES COERION."

3. GUMHURIYYA'S ITEM IS NOT RPT NOT IN OTHER PAPERS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CARRIED BY MENA WIRE SERVICE ON EVENING OF JUNE 7 AND WAS THEREFORE AVAILABLE TO AHAM AND AKHBAR. AT MOMENT, ALL THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT UNEVEN TREATMENT GIVEN BY PRESS TO FONMIN'S REMARKS SUGGESTS CONFUSION IN GOE. WHEN GOE REOPENS FOR BUSINESS JUNE 9 WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CLEARER VIEW, PARTICULARLY OF VALIDITY AND MEANING OF STATEMENT BY GUMHURIYYA'S " INFORMED SOURCE". GREEN UNQUOTE RUSH

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